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COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS OF FISHERY PRODUCTS AS OF JUNE 15, 1940.

Cold storage holdings of frozen fish and shellfish in the United States on May 15, 1940, totaled 45,321,532 pounds, according to statistics supplied by the Agricultural Marketing Service of the Department of Agriculture and released today in Statistical Bulletin No. 1389 by the Fish and Wildlife Service of the United States Department of the Interior.

This represents an increase of 11,565,343 pounds, or 34 per cent, compared with the 33,756,189 pounds in cold storage on May 15. A slight decrease is indicated, however, of 3 per cent from the June 15, 1939, figure of 46,964,856 pounds, and 2 per cent from the 5-year average holdings for June 15 of 46,469,000 pounds.

Thirty-six frozen fish items are represented in the bulletin. Halibut ranks first, with 7,147,381 pounds, followed by whiting (2,768,034 pounds); mackerel, except Spanish, (2,193,281 pounds); sea herring, including alewives and bluebacks (2,103,722 pounds); and haddock fillets (2,055,814 pounds).

Among the five frozen shellfish items listed, shrimp predominates with 3,685,271 pounds.

Largest holdings for any area are reported from the Pacific states of Washington, Oregon, and California--12,138,756 pounds. New England states

account for 9,853,341 pounds of the total; Middle Atlantic states, 9,026,109 pounds; North Central East states of Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, and Wisconsin, 8,596,170 pounds.

From May 15 to June 15, 1940, 19,392,998 pounds of fish and 3,326,262 pounds of shellfish were frozen. This compares with 16,763,864 pounds of fish and 4,399,510 pounds of shellfish for the same period in 1939.

The total of 22,719,260 pounds frozen from May 15, to June 15 of this year represents an increase of almost 100 per cent over the 11,772,397 pounds frozen from April 15 to May 15 and a slight increase of approximately $1\frac{1}{2}$ million pounds for the period of May 15 to June 15 in 1939 when the freezings amounted to 21,163,374 pounds. The 5-year average for this period is 21,479,000 pounds.

Holdings of cured fish amounted to 29,442,007 pounds on June 15, 1940, of which cured herring accounted for 24,390,849 pounds, and mild-cured salmon, 5,051,158 pounds. Middle Atlantic states led all other areas with 17,006,669 pounds of cured fish, followed by the North Central East area with 8,547,856 pounds.

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